

BIG STRIKE AVERTED

Boston Street Car Employes Postpone Action for One Week.

DECISION REACHED AT LAST MOMENT

Orders Were Sent Out for Cessation of Work at Midnight Last Night, But It Was Finally Agreed to Hear from the Company's Directors.

Boston, Dec. 24.—At the last moment the strike of motormen and other employes of the West End railroad, which the men's union had ordered to begin at midnight last night, has been averted, temporarily at least. A committee of the railroad employes met a committee of the West End directors, including President Little, and for four or five hours discussed the situation in all its aspects. President Little stated to the delegation that the sole power to ratify such an agreement as had been submitted to the company was invested in the executive committee of the board of directors; that a majority of said committee is not now in the state, nor has there been a majority in the state since this matter came up. Consequently the signing of the agreement at this time was an utter impossibility. He asked for a week's time in which to obtain an expression of the executive committee's opinion. The union officials were apparently convinced of the truth of President Little's statements, and after some discussion they consented, shortly before midnight, to hold the strike order in abeyance for one week, pending a decisive answer to their demands from the executive committee from the West End directors.

EX-QUEEN LILILOKALANI.

The Deposed Ruler Due in Washington This Evening.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani passed through here yesterday on the Sunset limited from San Francisco on her way to Washington. She was accompanied by her agent, Joe Helchute, Mrs. Graham, her personal companion, and a maid and two children of Mrs. Graham. The ex-queen traveled as an ordinary passenger and did not occupy a special car. She vigorously repudiated the interview which a reporter professed to have had with her at Houston, Tex. She said: "It is all a mistake. I was never spoken with at Houston. Can you wonder at my diffidence in meeting newspaper men when they insist on putting words into my mouth? I never utter. I am sure you will appreciate my position. I am nothing but a deposed queen. I cannot talk about my country or its future for fear that what I might say will be distorted. I have lived since the revolution in absolute retirement and have taken little heed of public matters. What my future movements may be is something that I cannot now declare for I do not know. I am in the hands of my friends. I am going to Boston to meet the relatives of my late husband and do not know whether I shall go to Europe or not. Everything depends upon what my friends decide." The deposed ruler is due in Washington this evening.

Herrmann's Lost Fortune.

New York, Dec. 24.—The fact that Prof. Herrmann, who was known to have often earned \$100,000 a year, died insolvent, has caused astonishment among persons who did not know the magician. Herrmann is believed to have earned over \$800,000 in the past twelve years. By means of wildly extravagant living, unfortunate theatrical ventures and love for stock dabbling, he not only exhausted this sum, but left a horde of debts.

Fatal Crossing Accident.

Trenton, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Henry Bond and Miss Tyrrell, sisters, living at Woodburne, Pa., were driving across the Reading railroad tracks near their home yesterday when their carriage was struck by an express train and Miss Tyrrell was instantly killed. Mrs. Bond was brought to St. Francis hospital in this city fatally injured. Miss Tyrrell was 43 years of age.

Death of George A. Butler.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—George A. Butler, manager of the eastern division of the Great Northwestern railroad, died here last evening. He began railroad work when 18 years of age with the Boston, Barre & Gardner road, and later was with the Fitchburg road for many years.

Father Conaty in Quebec.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—Rev. Dr. Conaty, new rector of the Catholic university at Washington, who arrived in town yesterday, is the guest of Mgr. La Plamme, rector of Laval university.

Plague Spreading in India.

Bombay, Dec. 24.—It is officially stated that the plague is increasing here, and Karachee, the seaport of Sind, is also declared to be infected.

Connecticut Tobacco Crop.

Hartford, Dec. 24.—The East Hart-

PURSE NOT FORTHCOMING.

The McKee-Lavigne Bout at Long Island City Declared Off.

New York, Dec. 24.—In spite of the fact that the Mariborough Athletic club had waded successfully through a labyrinth of efforts by the law and order league to prevent the twenty round battle between Kid Lavigne of Saginaw, Mich., and Charley McKee of Philadelphia, at the old Puritan here last night, in the end the bout was declared off. The management were unable to put up the \$2,500 purse which was insisted on by the principals and the latter refused to go on in consequence. The thousand or so of sports, who had braved the snow storm in their eagerness to see the prominent lightweights, filed out of the building disgusted. It was announced that the bout would be pulled off at the Greater New York Athletic club at Coney Island on New Year's Day. The latter club has not as yet been granted a license by Mayor Wurstler for the Maher-O'Donnell fight on Christmas Day and it is understood that the mayor declines to grant the necessary permission which is imperative under the Horton law.

THE ANNAPOLIS LAUNCHED.

Admiral Porter's Granddaughter Christens the New Gunboat.

Elizabethport, N. J., Dec. 24.—The gunboat Annapolis, which was launched at the Crescent shipyard here yesterday and christened by the late Admiral Porter's granddaughter, is one of the six composite boats designed a year ago by Chief Constructor Higbourn of the United States navy. The launching was in every way successful, not a single hitch occurring. The boilers will be placed in position this afternoon, the trial trip be made in February, and the gunboat turned over to the government in March.

Yaqui Indians Again on the War Path.

City of Mexico, Dec. 24.—The government authorities here are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Hermosillo, state of Sonora, that a large body of Yaqui Indians are again on the war path, and that a number of settlers in the Yaqui valley have been murdered and their property destroyed. One of the hostile bands of Yaquis is in the neighborhood of Nogales, Ariz., and a raid on that town is feared.

"Weary Wagglers" in Hard Luck.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 24.—By a resolution of the county board of supervisors, all able bodied prisoners in the Saratoga county jail and alms house hereafter will be required to work seven to eight hours daily breaking stone. In this manner it is thought to reduce the large army of vagrants and short-term prisoners which populate the above institutions during the winter months.

Smith May Not Be Prosecuted.

Buffalo, Dec. 24.—Edwin J. Smith, the Bank of Commerce embezzling book keeper, was not arraigned in police court yesterday, his relatives having agreed with the bank receivers that a settlement of the shortage should be deferred until this afternoon. If this settlement is made and bonds are given to cover any additional shortages discovered, Smith may not be prosecuted.

Praise Cleveland and Olney.

Havana, Dec. 24.—The Havana newspapers publish articles expressing approval of the attitude upon the Cuban question taken by President Cleveland and Secretary of State Olney, both of whom are highly praised for their firm stand in the face of the action of the foreign relations committee of the senate.

Dark Abandoned at Sea.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The bark G. De Zalzo, Captain McColl, from Pascagoula for New York, was abandoned on December 16 in latitude 35.58 N., longitude 74.60 W. The crew were rescued by the British bark Carpasian, which arrived at the Delaware breakwater last evening from the Barbadoes.

Sale of a Railroad Ordered.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Judge Fouke, in the Sangamon circuit court, has entered an order calling for the sale of the St. Louis, Chicago & St. Paul railroad, commonly known as the "Buff line," at some time to be named by the master in January, 1897.

Gored by a steer.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Nelson Morris, the millionaire packer, and J. C. Bohart, who were gored by a steer while passing through a cattle pen here yesterday, are resting easily this morning. Mr. Morris' injuries consist of a few slight bruises and a general shaking up, while Mr. Bohart had his shoulder dislocated.

United States Rubber Co. Dividend.

New York, Dec. 24.—The directors of the United States Rubber company have declared a dividend of 2 per cent. on the common stock declared by the trust.

Approved by the President.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The president has approved the general pension and urgent deficiency appropriation bills.

DIPLOMATS ANXIOUS

Recognition of Central American Republic Disturbs Them.

CLEVELAND'S SIGNIFICANT ADDRESS

Taken as Another Instance of Our Determination To Be the Arbitrator of Affairs in the Western Hemisphere. European Cabinets Informed.

Washington, Dec. 24.—There is much talk in diplomatic circles to-day over the significant language used by President Cleveland in recognizing the new Greater Republic of Central America by receiving J. D. Rodriguez, the duly accredited representative from that state. Some of the European diplomats appear to be somewhat anxious and disturbed at what they consider to be another instance of the determination of the United States to become in fact, as well as in name, the arbitrator of affairs in the western hemisphere. There is no doubt that by this time many of the cabinets of Europe are officially informed of the gist of the president's reply to Mr. Rodriguez's speech. The cordial manner in which the new minister was received by the president is also significantly commented upon. The reception occurred in the east room of the executive mansion. Mr. Rodriguez, who was accompanied by the secretary of the legation, Luis F. Correa, and his attaché, J. D. Rodriguez, jr., all three in evening dress, was presented to the president by Secretary Olney. After presenting his credentials and making the customary speech, Mr. Rodriguez was addressed as follows by President Cleveland:

The President's Reply.

"Mr. Minister—I take pleasure in recognizing, in the name of the United States of America, the Greater Republic of Central America, constituted pursuant to stipulations of the treaty of Amapala of June 20, 1895, between the republics of Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador and in entering into diplomatic relations therewith. Such recognition is given and such relations entered upon in the distinct understanding that the responsibility of each of these republics to the United States of America remains wholly unaffected. I discern in the articles of association from which the diet derives its powers a step towards a closer union of Central American states in the interest of their common defense and general welfare, and I welcome it as the precursor of other steps to be taken in the same direction and which it is hoped may eventually result in the consolidation of all the states of Central America as one nation for all the purposes of their foreign relations and intercourse. To you individually I extend a cordial greeting, both personal and official, and I trust that your renewed residence at the capital of this country, where you formerly held an important representative mission, will be as agreeable in its personal relations, as I believe it will be useful and profitable for the countries you represent, between each of which and the United States has always existed and it is hoped will always exist, the closest ties of friendship." The president's expressed hope that the new republic would soon include Costa Rica and Guatemala, the two richest and most progressive of the isthmian countries, is expected to have considerable weight in expediting their adherence to the new arrangement. The governments of both these countries are favorably disposed towards the union, but are prevented by their constitutions from joining it without the full approval of their legislatures, which will probably be secured in a few months.

Pleaded Guilty to Embezzlement.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Allison Z. Mason, who was president of the Globe Investment company, a defunct concern, pleaded guilty in the superior court yesterday to two counts of a long indictment charging him with embezzlement. The court will be given the history of the defendants part in the affairs of the company by the prosecuting attorney at a later day, when sentence will be asked. Mason is out on \$15,000 bail.

Both Duellists Injured.

Stuttgart, Dec. 24.—A duel, resulting in the serious wounding of both combatants, was fought yesterday near this city, between Baron Wagenheim, ex-secretary of the German legation at Copenhagen, and count Uxtull Gyllenband. The wounds of both combatants were so severe as to render necessary their removal to a hospital.

American Woman Married in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Frederick May, who was married yesterday to Count Dandigne at the chapel of the papal nuncio in this city, is an American woman, a resident of California.

Minister Willis Very Ill.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Advices from Honolulu say that United States Minister Willis is still very low with malarial fever.

MANY MILES ON FOOT

Two Women Accomplish a Plucky Feat of Endurance.

TRAPPED FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN

Mrs. Estby and Daughter Arrive in New York City and Win a \$10,000 Wager. Many Hardships Were Endured During the Long Journey.

New York, Dec. 24.—A pedestrian trip from the Pacific to the Atlantic is a big task for men, but when women perform it, it becomes remarkable. A mother and daughter, Mrs. H. Estby and Miss Clara Estby, have just finished such a journey and apparently none the worse for it. They started on May 5 from Spokane, Wash., and reached this city yesterday afternoon. This walk was the result of a wager of \$10,000, it is said, that Mrs. Estby and her daughter could not complete the journey with only \$5 a piece upon starting and earning their living on the way. Seven months was the limit agreed upon in which the travelers could finish the journey and win the wager. In case of sickness that time so lost was to be subtracted. When the money gave out they did housework and sold pictures of themselves. Not until they journeyed 1,000 miles did they meet with rough experiences. Tramps annoyed them and Mrs. Estby had to shoot one in the leg to make him stop following and threatening them. A highwayman tried to rob them while they were in Colorado. The tourists called on Mrs. William Jennings Bryan at Lincoln, Neb., "General" Coxe, at Massillon, O.; Mr. and Mrs. William McKinley at Canton, O., and Gov. Hastings at Harrisburg, Pa. Their largest day's walk was forty miles. On the first day they walked twenty-eight. Sometimes they had to sleep outdoors without shelter. The women wore bicycle skirts. Mrs. Estby used eleven pair of shoes, while the daughter wore out a dozen pair. Mrs. Estby, who is 38 years of age, intends to write a book of her experiences. Her daughter is 19 years of age. Near Phillipsburg, N. J., they were misdirected and walked fifty miles out of their way. But for this they would have escaped the snow storm and reached here on Monday. After a short rest they will return home by rail.

RACE WAR AT MAYFIELD.

Only One Man Killed and First Reports Greatly Exaggerated.

Louisville, Dec. 24.—The alleged race war at Mayfield has been greatly exaggerated. There has been no trouble since the killing of Will Suett, colored, yesterday. Suett was only 18 years old. No further outbreak is apprehended, as the better class of people have determined to suppress violence. A mass meeting was held at the court house and resolutions were adopted denouncing the lynching of George Finley and Jim Stone, the killing of Will Suett and the burning of property. At 9 o'clock this morning the town was quiet with a few guards patrolling the streets and not a negro in sight. Only about fifty men came here from neighboring towns and these have returned home.

Olive Sternaman Extradition Case.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Judge Coxe has handed down his decision in the Sternaman extradition case. Proceedings were taken under writ of habeas corpus to review the action of Commissioner Fairchild of Buffalo in holding Olive A. Sternaman for extradition to Canada on the charge of poisoning her husband. It is alleged the murder was committed to secure \$1,500 insurance. Judge Coxe holds that the officer authorized to conduct the proceedings placed before the commissioner facts sufficient to warrant action on his part.

Reception to Bishop Walker.

Buffalo, Dec. 24.—Bishop William David Walker, the recently elected Protestant Episcopal bishop for the Buffalo diocese, who was enthroned in his official position in St. Paul's cathedral yesterday with appropriate ceremonies, was tendered a formal reception last night at his residence. There were hundreds of congratulatory telegrams received.

Death of Miss Marion Newmarch.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 24.—Miss Marion E. Newmarch, treasurer of the National Needle company, who died here yesterday, was the only woman occupying a similar position of trust in this city. She had no relatives.

Sentenced to Fifteen Years in Prison.

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Jas. C. Wickes, colored, charged with the murder of George Bowie in a bar-room fight at New Rochelle on May 30 last, was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree here yesterday. Justice Gaynor sentenced him to fifteen years imprisonment.

Fourth-class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The following fourth class postmasters have just been appointed: Pennsylvania—D. D. Connor, Castle; Miss A. M. Showers, Pottsville; L. Eason, Keen.

"COLOR BLIND, MORALLY."

Charges Brought Against a Trustee Whose Removal Is Sought.

Buffalo, Dec. 24.—Attorneys Day and Romer have filed with Surrogate Marcus a petition asking for the removal of Jewett M. Richmond as testamentary trustee of the estate of the late Moses M. Richmond. The application for the removal is made by Mrs. Lorraine Richmond, widow of the late Moses M. Richmond. The startling part of the petition is the conclusion, as follows: "Your petitioner upon information and belief charges that Jewett M. Richmond, testamentary trustee, is very wealthy, his riches reaching into the millions and monopolizing most of his time in looking after it and increasing it, giving him little if any time to look after 'trust estates'; that as he grows older his health fails him more and more and he is fast becoming color blind, morally, so as not to be able to distinguish readily between right and wrong, as your petitioner has had the opportunity to judge from various shady transactions." Surrogate Marcus granted an order compelling Jewett M. Richmond to show cause why he should not be removed from the trust and a competent and disinterested person or trust company appointed as trustee in his place.

GOV. BLACK'S INAUGURATION

Programme of Ceremonies Arranged by Secretary of State Palmer.

Albany, Dec. 24.—The following is the official programme issued by Secretary of State Palmer for the inauguration of Gov. Black on Jan. 1: The military escort will be under the command of Lieut.-Col. Fitch. The Tenth battalion and signal corps will receive the governor and staff at the New York Central depot and, with the battalion from Troy arriving at the same time, escort him to the capitol, where he will meet the retiring governor and staff at the executive chamber. Inaugural ceremonies will occur in the assembly chamber, the secretary of state presiding. There will be music, followed by prayer and an address by the retiring executive. Then the constitutional oath will be administered, the new governor will deliver his inaugural address and the governor's staff sworn in. A public reception will be held in the assembly chamber, and later Gov. and Mrs. Black will hold another public reception at the executive mansion.

EARL RUSSELL'S LOSS.

The Fire Which Destroyed His Property of Undoubted Incendiary Origin.

London, Dec. 24.—The fire which yesterday entirely destroyed the residence of Earl Russell at Maidenhead, on the Thames, was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, as Earl Russell has recently received several menacing letters, some of them threatening him with personal injury and others threatening the burning of his property. There is no doubt in the minds of the police and a majority of the public that the fire is one of the results of the action for criminal libel brought by Earl Russell against his mother-in-law, Lady Scott, and others, which is now under adjournment. Efforts will be made to discover the firebugs, who are believed by some to have been in the pay of Lady Scott.

DINGLEY ON THE TARIFF.

No Material Difference of Opinion in the Ways and Means Committee.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The attention of Chairman Dingley of the ways and means committee having been called to a dispatch from Washington stating that "the eastern members of that committee, led by Chairman Dingley, are not disposed to look with favor upon reciprocity" in framing the new tariff, he said: "There is not the slightest foundation for this statement, so far as I know and believe. While the matter has been only slightly discussed, yet I have not observed any material difference of opinion. On the contrary, all the republican members of the committee are in favor of going as far as the McKinley tariff did on this subject, and further, if practicable."

Ex-Consul Waller's Ambition.

Washington, Dec. 24.—John L. Waller of Kansas, who as ex-consul of the United States at Tananarive, Madagascar, and subsequently an inmate of a French prison, becoming a subject of international notoriety some months ago, is a candidate for appointment as recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia, an office which for some years past has been filled by a colored man.

Miss Frances Willard Very Ill.

Castle, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Miss Frances Willard, president of the World's and National Women's Christian Temperance unions, who suffered a relapse at the sanitarium here yesterday, while in no immediate danger of death, is nevertheless very ill, and her physician has canceled all her engagements. She will be compelled to remain here several months.

For the Ice Yacht Championship.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 24.—The Kingston Ice Yacht club has decided not to issue a challenge for the championship pennant of America now held by the Hudson River Ice Yacht club.

SITUATION IMPROVED

Run on Chicago Savings Banks Fast Abating.

ALL CALLS FROM DEPOSITORS MET

The 60-Day Notice Law No Longer Resorted To—Confidently Expected That To-day Will See the End of the Scare.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The runs on the Illinois Trust and Savings bank and the Hibernian Banking association, although still in progress this morning, is much diminished, and it is believed that the trouble will be ended to-night; if not, the Christmas day holiday is expected to have the desired effect. About half the number yesterday were at the Illinois Trust bank, all being saving depositors, and they did not appear to be so anxious as the crowd of the previous day. Their withdrawals are not large enough to disturb the equanimity of the bank officers. At the Hibernian bank the crowd is much less than yesterday and the withdrawals do not average \$50 each. Considering that the bank has 23,000 savings depositors, a falling off of 2,000 or 3,000 was to be expected. Business is going on as usual at the other banks which have savings departments. The Illinois Trust bank is so confident that the run has almost ceased that it has withdrawn the 60-day restriction and is paying all demands in full. The news that two or three banks in nearby states had closed their doors failed to renew the excitement and affairs are now running along almost as smoothly as if nothing had happened to shake the confidence of the people in the integrity of the banks.

The Arrested Bankers Arraigned.

By arrangement of the police department, counsel for the defendants and justice of the peace W. T. Hall, the accused private bankers, Edward S. Dreyer and Robert Berger, entered Justice Hall's private court room late in the afternoon. Detective Fay, who held the warrants which E. E. Kennedy, a saloonkeeper and depositor at Dreyer & Co.'s bank, had sworn to, announced that the men were under arrest. The charge in each case is that the bankers received a deposit of \$153 at the close of business last Saturday, knowing at the time that they were insolvent. The defendants were accompanied by Adolf Kraus, their lawyer, and Charles H. Wacker of the Wacker & Birk Brewing company. The latter signed the bond of the bankers in the sum of \$500 each for their appearance in Justice Hall's court, January 2. Kennedy says he is acting for himself only, but his action is regarded as premature and ill-advised by those who believe the Dreyer & Co. failure could not be foreseen.

Short Receivership.

The shortest bank receivership on record, forty-eight hours, was that of John H. Nichols, who was appointed receiver Monday afternoon for Frederick Wiersema, proprietor of the Roseland Savings bank of Roseland, which cleared through the National Bank of Illinois. The receiver appeared before Judge Hancy yesterday afternoon and reported there were assets of \$83,000 in cash and real estate and liabilities of \$51,000. Sufficient money had been raised to carry on the business and the judge discharged the receiver. The bank opened its doors this morning.

Held on His Brother's Charge.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 24.—Andrew J. Riker of Maplewood has been committed to jail at that place in default of \$6,000 bail. He is accused by his brother, William B. Riker, now living at East Portchester, Conn., of embezzling him out of \$6,000 in cash and fraudulently securing possession of property worth \$150,000, located in New York, held in trust by him for the complainant.

Southern Export Trade.

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—The weekly review of the Manufacturers' Record contains detailed statements showing the value of exports from southern ports during the first ten months of 1896 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. These figures show a gain for the period under review of \$63,000,000, while the gain for the entire country was \$134,000,000.

Anxious To Row Gaudaur.

London, Dec. 24.—Both Harding and Barry, the oarsmen, are anxious to row Jake Gaudaur for the sculling championship of the world. They prefer, however, to row in England. Barry has already signed preliminary articles and posted money for a race with Gaudaur for £250 a side, allowing Gaudaur £25 for expenses. Barry is now arranging to row Harding also.

Arbuckle's Death.

New York, Dec. 24.—The official analysis of the contents of the stomach of Frank Arbuckle, the Denver politician who was found dead in the streets here a few weeks ago, disclosing no traces of poison, sets at rest all speculation that he came to his death by foul means, but a formal inquest will be held shortly.

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THE TWO MR. MORTONS.

BY CAROLINE M. BEAUMONT.

Dolly is the most maddening, tantalizing, perverse and charming—I might as well admit it, you'd soon have found it out—young woman of my acquaintance. I've been in love with her for five years, and it's a wonder my hair isn't white; sometimes I think it is turning gray, but when I spoke to Dolly about it, she said not to bother, I was old enough to be gray anyway. Ah! that's where Dolly hurts, and she knows it, for I am 15 years older than she is, and when that willful young woman wishes to be particularly cruel, she treats me with respect.

I know that among my friends I am considered to have fairly good sense; I can talk rationally on most subjects, and I stand well enough in my profession, at least enabling me to keep my head above water. But when I'm with Dolly, or in her presence, I'm an ass, a driveling, foolish ass. A lunatic from an asylum would be a brilliant conversationalist compared to me. And alas! Dolly knows that too, and she torments me and makes life an unutterable burden to me. I start to make a sensible remark, when suddenly I meet Dolly's eyes; then I stumble and say the wrong thing, and she will remark: "Do you really think that?" with such a wicked look in her beautiful blue eyes, while I don't think it at all, but have just said it. And so it goes until I wonder sometimes if I am quite right. When we go to dances—I say we, I'm always there if I know she is going—things are a little worse than usual, for Dolly dances past me with beads and cads of men, and I stand about the wall watching her. She never will give but two dances to me, so I have nothing to do in the meantime but watch her.

One night I was desperate. I had sent her violets as usual—she is particularly fond of them, and most of my money goes that way. Sometimes she wears them, and often carries them, but this night they were nowhere to be seen, and in her hand was one large red rose. I went up to her; appearing to be sorry to see me was the particular form of torture which commended itself to her on this special night. "You here!" she said, lifting her eyebrows in astonishment and without a smile; all put on, of course, because I am always where she is.

"Oh, no, I'm not here, I'm somewhere else," I said, wittily. She laughed immediately.

"You're—so—funny," she remarked, choking.

"Yes," said I, severely, "I suppose I am funny, very funny—but where are my violets?"

"Why, had you—any—violets?" said she. "I didn't know—how should I know?" She said it seriously, but there was a look in her eyes that I was used to; I'd have liked to shake her.

"Dolly, you know exactly what I mean: where are my violets?"

"If you mean the violets you sent me," she replied, with dignity, "I understood that after they left you they belonged to me; do you want them back?" This was freezing.

"Oh, Dolly," I said, reduced once more to my usual condition of astuteness, "I didn't mean it, dear, I don't want them; I only wanted you to wear them or carry them, you know, darling."

But she saw that she had the best of me, so carried things with a high hand.

"The rose was sent me by a friend," she hesitated, "and I suppose I have a right to wear what I please; but sit down don't stand so long, you'll be tired!" This was an allusion to my age, and it maddened me.

"You are exceedingly rude!" I said, turning away and leaving her.

It was the most severe speech I had ever made to Dolly, and I suffered at the thought of it. For four days I didn't go near her or send her violets once. It was an awful four days; I neither slept nor ate, but just reviled myself as a fool for becoming estranged from the only woman in the world. In my despair I even went so far as to take Jane Hunt to a dance where Dolly was sure to see us, and she did. And when I passed her and she looked over my head with her small nose in the air, I wished Miss Hunt was in—well, somewhere else, that I might rush over to Dolly, throw myself at her feet—and kiss them! Yes, I acknowledge that I have often wished that.

Finally I wrote to her, fully conscious that it was a very silly letter wherein I told her I was merely angry at myself for not knowing she cared for red roses, and I sent three dozen. The answer I received was characteristic:

"You are a silly old goose, and you had only waited until I finished what I was saying you would have discovered that you sent the rose yourself with the violets. I don't care at all for red roses."

But the greatest of my misfortunes has not yet been seen down. There was another young man, an acquaintance and admirer of Dolly's, with exactly the same name as myself—Richard Morton. I, of course, had taken a huge dislike to him, in fact I hated him (for Dolly once remarked that he was a nice fellow), and I don't think he had an extraordinary affection for me. We were no relation; I was glad of that. A few days after I had been such a cad to Dolly I called upon her, and, heaven favoring me, I found her alone.

"Dolly, dearest," I began, "I am so sorry—"

"Don't," she said, "that incident is closed. There are so many nicer things to talk about; Jane Hunt, for instance." I shivered; I was about to be punished.

"Is she nice?" said I.

"What do you really think of her?" said Dolly, with rather an anxious look. I thought; but of course I was mistaken.

"Splendid wife she'd make!" said I, not meaning to rouse Dolly.

But suddenly she turned and said the most terrible thing to me that she'd ever said since I'd known her.

"Then you'd better marry her!" This from Dolly!

"Oh—!" I began, but she was gone, and there was nothing for me to do but to pick up my hat and go, which I did, calling myself a beast and a brute as I went.

That night leaving the theater we happened to meet a moment. She was radiant and scornful.

"Dolly," I said, resolving not to notice the contretemps of the afternoon, "who are you going to dance the cotillion with at the Terry's to-morrow night?"

"With Mr. Morton," she answered sweetly.

"What a dear you are—I was afraid you'd promise somebody else."

And then she laughed.

"With the pleasant, agreeable Mr. Morton," she continued, "who never says the wrong thing." And then I knew she meant the other one! I'm afraid I said a bad word; her mocking laugh followed me in the darkness, and echoed in my dreams that night. I wished I'd never seen her—and too late to do so.

I debated a long time within myself whether or not I should go to Terry's, but as usual ended by going. I could dance stag and take Dolly out, and—lovely idea—perhaps she would take me out! Then as I thought of the way I had left her the night before, this beautiful hope faded. What would she want with a brute like me?

I never saw her look better than that night of the Terry's dance; she was in white, which best became her, and she seemed to me like an angel. And that beastly Morton looked pretty well too. I had to admit to myself that he was rather a well-appearing chap.

Mrs. Floyd-Hopkins, who aspired to be something of a belle herself, stood for a moment and followed the direction of my glance.

"Miss Dalrymple is looking particularly well this evening," said she, a very gracious speech indeed for her.

"Very!" I replied, having sense enough left not to discuss Dolly with a woman.

"But what an awful flirt!" she went on, this time left me gasping.

"And engaged, I understand, to Mr. Morton all the time."

"Who said it?" I asked hoarsely. Dolly engaged—and to that cad—with my name.

"Oh, everybody says so," and then she looked at me with such an unpleasant smile. "That's your name too, isn't it?"

"Yes, I believe it is," I said brightly, moving away from her.

It seemed centuries until supper; I tried to think of what I should say to her, but my mind was in such a chaotic state that I decided to depend on the inspiration of the moment.

At last supper was over and I found her tucked her arm in mine, and marching off to a quiet nook, put her in the only seat, and stood accusingly before her.

"Dolly," I began, "look at me!" This she did, a little timidly. I thought, and I almost forgot what I was going to say in the joy of looking at her.

"Dolly darling," I went on, "I have loved you so long, so well, and hoped that in the course of years you might come to care—" she dropped her eyes; just then I remembered that horrible gossip, "but to-night, Dolly, I heard something that turned my heart to stone."

"What was it?" she asked.

"That you were engaged to—" Whom?" breathlessly.

"Morton," I gasped, "that wretched, cad—" "Stop!" she said, with dignity.

"Tell me, you shall," I grasped her wrists; "is it so?"

If it had been any woman in the world but Dolly I should have said she was embarrassed. She actually blushed.

"No," she said slowly, "it is not so, but—" her hands went up and covered her face. My heavens! suppose she should cry!

"But what?" I insisted cruelly; "you're not engaged to him, but you're in love with him?" She took her hands away and her face was very red; it had not been such a serious moment I should have said she had been laughing.

"Mr. Morton has—never—asked me to be his wife—if he does—I shall—"

I was beside myself.

"And if he does?" I hissed.

"I shall say yes," very softly. A terrible silence ensued; the earth was sinking beneath my feet.

"You love this Mr. Morton?" I said sharply.

And then the very queerest thing in the world happened; Dolly's face whitened a little as she rose and put out her hand.

"Yes, you old goose," she said, "I love this Mr. Morton!" It didn't take me long to gather Dolly into my arms. The next five minutes are not to appear in this narrative.

"Dolly," said I, blissfully, "did you ever know such a stupid old fool as I am?"

"Never in all my life," said the sweetest of girls, her voice coming from the vicinity of my collar.

"And do you suppose that woman meant me when she told me that gossip, my darling?"

"Of course she did," said the voice.

"And I'm glad she said it—I don't believe you'd ever have asked me, otherwise!" My answer would not look well on paper.

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REFORMS IN PORTO RICO.

Spain's Queen Regent Will Sign the Decree on Christmas Day.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—Queen Regent Christina will on Christmas day sign a decree ordering the operation of certain reforms in the island of Porto Rico. Admiral Beranga, minister of marine, denies that the government is purchasing warships. Gen. Azcarraga, minister of war, has rendered an account to the queen regent of the work which has been done by the war ministry, with a view to the arising of possible complications. The Epoca, a semi-official organ, declares that together with the reserves the Spanish army is fully capable of maintaining an international war.

Rebel Defeat Reported.

Havana, Dec. 24.—Col. Pavia reports having had an engagement with a party of rebels encamped at San Radondo, in the vicinity of Holguin, killing twenty-one insurgents and capturing and destroying their camp. The troops lost one lieutenant and four privates killed and a major, a captain and nine privates wounded.

Against the Cameron Resolutions.

Milwaukee, Dec. 24.—The chamber of commerce, while expressing sympathy for struggling Cuba, yesterday adopted resolutions declaring against the Cameron resolutions. Copies will be sent to the senators and representatives in congress from this state.

Against Cuban Recognition.

Toledo, O., Dec. 24.—The Toledo produce exchange has adopted a resolution condemning the resolution introduced in the United States senate recognizing the independence of Cuba.

Crocker To Re-enter Politics.

New York, Dec. 24.—It is stated on what appears to be unimpeachable authority that Richard Crocker has finally decided to lead Tammany Hall in the municipal campaign next year, and will openly resume the leadership of the organization.

Township Treasurer Short.

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—An investigation made by state school commissioner O. T. Corson reveals the fact that treasurer William Link of the school funds of Franklin township, this county, is short to the amount of \$1,288.64.

Sent Him to Her Mother.

"She sent me to her mother." "Well?" "And she, being a widow, accepted me. Now I'm to be a father to Maude." Philadelphia American.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot dull; prices steady. Dec., 89½c.; May, 86½c.

Corn—Spot is quiet, prices firmer. Dec., 28½c.; May, 31½c.

Oats—Market is dull and steady. Dec., 23½c.; May, 24½c.

Eggs—Prices steady; fairly active. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 22¢.

Ice house, 15¢; western, fresh, 21¢; house, 15¢; western, fresh, 21¢; limes, 15¢; southern, 21¢.

Pork—Market easy; fair demand. Extra prime, nominal, short clear, 59.00@10.50; mess, 58.25@5.75; family, 50.00@10.75.

Lard—Steady; moderate demand. Prime western, 54.12½.

Butter—Firm; moderate demand. Creamery western extras, 22c.; state and Pennsylvania, extras, 21¢@23½c.; creamery, western seconds, 18c.; state dairy, half-cream tubs, fresh factory, 18c.; state dairy, half-cream tubs, full made extras, 19½¢@20c.; western imitation creamery, seconds to first, 11¢@17c.; western factory, firsts to extras, 8½¢@11c.

Cheese—Prices steady. State, full cream, large size, full made, colored, 10½c.; large, common to choice, part skims, 3½¢@7c.

Potatoes—Prices and supply normal. Long Island, in bulk, per barrel, \$1.25@1.37. New Jersey, round, choice, per barrel, \$0.90@1.01.12.

Some Tales to Read and On.

James Jones of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Camden, N. J., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe and her case grew so serious that physicians at Camden and Panama could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hysterical Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and had dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at McMonagle & Rogers Drug Store.

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Dr. H. B. Hettlinger, Indianapolis, Ind., says: "For several months after spraining my ankle, I was severely afflicted with Rheumatism. I finally tried DeChon's 'Mystic Cure' for Rheumatism, and in 4 days could walk without my cane; two bottles cured me sound and well. I take great pleasure in recommending the 'Mystic Cure' to all who are afflicted with Rheumatism." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, North street, Middletown.

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GLASS-PLATED TYPE.

The Body Made of Hard Rubber—Recent German Invention.

The replacing of metal type by type made of glass is being seriously considered, since it has been found practicable to produce glass type. Since printer's type is locked and held together solidly in frames, type consisting of one piece of glass was not found to work satisfactorily, as the material was found to be too brittle to withstand the pressure. The material, however, is so much cheaper and will save so much time in the manufacture of type that the use of glass was not given up when it was found that it was not entirely available for the purpose. Wilhelm Pilz, of Johannesburg, near Gablonz, the center of the Bohemian glass industry, has now patented a very remarkable invention. He proposes to make the body of the type of hard rubber or celluloid, which, when locked in the frame, will resist the pressure without difficulty and places the glass top of the letter—that is the real face of the type—upon the rubber body, cementing them solidly by the use of cement. So as not to suffer under the pressure, the face of the type is somewhat smaller than the traverse section of the body, and in this way the touching of the face of the type in the form is effectively prevented. The advantage of using glass for type, which will keep its sharpness for a much longer time, since glass is not as subject to wear as metal, is, therefore, effectively achieved with this invention. The innovation has been practically tested, and at the present moment may be produced in unlimited quantities at comparatively small cost.

The demand for type is enormous, and type foundries turn out millions of type per year. In the 30s all printers' type had to be finished by hand. At that time an output of 4,000 type per day was considered very large. The first type-making machine invented by David Bruce, in 1838, could turn out 20,000 type, while the J. R. Johnson machine, patented in 1853, finished daily about 25,000 type, turning it out ready for use. The latest invention in this field was the double type machine of the Frenchman, Foucher, which turns out almost 30,000 per day. By the system of Pilz it will be possible to turn out from 100,000 to 120,000 type per day on the three machines necessary to produce his combined rubber and glass type.—St. Louis Republic.

LOUISIANA'S UNSTABLE SOIL.

A Channel Four Miles Wide That Was Started by a Man with a Paddle.

A committee of Louisiana engineers has been investigating the Baptist Collet canal, which has become an outlet of the river, in order to determine whether it is a work of nature or of man. The committee was unable to get any definite information on the subject, but leans to the idea that it was originally a ditch, which has been magnified by the work of the river into a pass or outlet of the Mississippi. An attempt will be made to determine which of the streams of Louisiana are natural and which are artificial, so as to guide the river and harbor committee in providing for them.

There is a great deal of confusion on this subject, and nearly all the maps of Louisiana are erroneous because of the frequent appearance of new streams and the disappearance of old ones. It is well known that Bayou Plaquemine is artificial, although the government has treated it as a natural waterway; and even the Atchafalaya, the largest river in Louisiana after the Mississippi, is more artificial than natural, having appeared on the original map as an insignificant creek. Bayou Opelousas or Apolosa. A still more important stream that is purely artificial and due to an accident is known as Morrison's cut-off. In St. Mary parish, it was once solid land, but some 40 years ago a man named Morrison, finding that he had to go a long way around to reach St. Bernard bay, jumped ashore and, with a paddle made a ditch through which he was able to float his boat. When he returned two weeks after by the same route he found that the water of Bayou Sale and St. Bernard had taken the new channel, and that the ditch was 2-3 feet wide. It is four miles wide to-day, and the land he cut off has been gradually washed away until it now consists only of a string of small islands. Morrison's cut-off is now the route for numerous vessels running along the coast of south Louisiana. It was made in the course of a few hours with an ordinary pocket paddle and by one man, but would probably have cost the United States thousands of dollars if it had been undertaken as an engineering enterprise and if the gulf waters had not done the work.—N. Y. Sun.

Encephalitic View.

"Antie, I haven't seen you since you got back from the city. What kind of clothes are the swell people wearing at the opera this season?" "I don't know, 'Nandy. The folks I saw at the opera didn't have enough on 'em I could form any idea."—Chicago Tribune.

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It can be proved that flannels are often the cause of severe colds. To have a cold is to be in a diseased condition and that means a loss of vitality and a shortening of life. It may even mean sudden death.

One can easily demonstrate in one's own person on a small scale the ill effects of excessive flannels. Bind your hand in thick woolen bandages and leave it in that condition for a night. In the morning you will find it damp and flabby, the pores all open. It is in the most susceptible condition for catching cold. If the whole body were brought to the same state the result would be disastrous.

That the whole body is often brought to a nearly similar condition is certain. The majority of people during the winter increase themselves in heavy, tight woolen or flannel garments. These provoke perspiration and do not absorb it. The result is that the wearer's skin is hot, damp and highly susceptible to the inflammatory effects of cold. A slightly lowered temperature can hardly fail to bring on a cold.

Heavy woolen underclothing is able to do all the more harm because it has the weight of ancient domestic tradition. Few people dare to be wiser than their grandmothers. Woolen underclothing, according to modern experience, should be as light as is consistent with comfort. There are many persons who go through the winter healthily in cotton underwear and these are probably the most fortunate class of the population. But the warmth-preserving qualities of wool are not to be ignored.

One of its great properties is that it is a bad conductor of heat. The heat of the body, therefore, is not given out by it. It also does not stick to the skin and does not absorb perspiration freely. This is a quality of doubtful value. While it is agreeable not to have your underclothing glued to your skin it is injurious to carry a deposit of moisture which may become cold and do harm in all parts of the body.

The object, therefore, should be to wear underclothing which does not cause excessive perspiration. It should be light and loose. Wool is apparently the best material for the majority of the people.

The subject of colds receives too little attention. Many people are resigned to the perpetual possession of them. They should be regarded as disease dangerous, offensive and unclean. Patient medicine advertisements print eloquent descriptions of their final effects. These remarks are applicable to those who have neglected themselves too long and are fit subjects for the hospital or prolonged medical treatment. Wise attention to clothing and the general health is more valuable than all remedies and treatment.

Colds are probably the chief cause of illness and disease among human beings. They give little trouble to animals, who wear no clothing. Arguing from these facts, some enthusiasts would say that the less clothing you wear and the more you expose yourself the healthier you will be.

But a state of civilization of considerable antiquity has made it necessary for man to preserve his natural heat by artificial means. It is not permissible to abandon clothing entirely in this country. Nor is it advisable to wear as little as the public authorities will permit during an American winter.

Neither warm clothing or artificial heat will satisfactorily replace the natural heat of the body. To preserve this should be the first aim of all who wish to avoid colds. Good food, fresh air and exercise are obviously the principal means.

In the care of the body the skin should take an important place. As far as colds are concerned it is all important, because they rarely occur unless the skin is in a certain condition.

When the pores of the skin are opened the cold air enters where it is not wanted and causes an inflammation. In cold weather the pores should be closed.

Cold water is an excellent vehicle for closing the pores. The weight of experience seems to prove that it is better to use warm water first. Much depends on the individual constitution.

The warm water cleanses and softens the skin and relieves the body of superfluous moisture, the frequent source of colds. Following this, the cold water will close the pores and put the skin in a sound, normal condition. No one should stay in cold water long enough to feel discomfort.—N. Y. World.

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To the above named defendants.—You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in the case of your failure to appear or answer judgment will be taken against you by default. Dated this 2nd day of November, 1896.

VASAMBE, WATTS & VAIL, Plffs., Attys. at Law, Orange county, New York, 4 East Main street, Middletown, N. Y.

To Sarah Bodine, Agnes Maud Jones, S. M. Richards, Frank P. Richards and Eva Richards, his wife, Louisa Capps, Charles H. Richards and Ethel Richards, his wife, Maggie Simpson, Annie White, Bezekiah Bodine, David James Newkirk and Catherine Newkirk, his wife.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Hon. William D. Drake, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated December 25th, 1896, and filed with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of the county of Orange, at Garden City, New York.

VASAMBE, WATTS & VAIL, Attorneys for plaintiff, office and post office address, No. 4 East Main street, Middletown, Orange county, New York. Dated 10th day of Dec.

In pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the County of Orange notice is hereby given for the relief demanded in the complaint filed with the estate of William H. Woodruff late of the town of Crawford in said county deceased, that there are required to present, on or before the proper authorities thereof, to the subscribers, the administrators and administrators of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of said deceased at the residence of the administrator, Antonette A. Woodruff in the town of Crawford, at or before the 15th day of June 1897.

ANTONETTE A. WOODRUFF, administrator. RICHARD A. WOODRUFF, administrator. JOHN H. K. TAYLOR, attorney for administrators. Rooms 5 and 6, Low Building, Middle town, N. Y.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Kindness is the distinguishing characteristic of the Christmas season. As it draws near the spirit of "peace on earth, good will toward men" seems to enter into and possess all hearts. The ties of love and friendship draw more closely and even old enmities are forgotten. If not forgiven, by common consent it is the gift time of the year and in the bestowal and receipt of these tokens of affection and good will hearts grow warmer and tenderer and self and selfishness are buried by the gentle spirit of the day and its associations.

Christmas is distinctively a home festival. It is not celebrated with pomp and pageant and the State has little concern with it. It is a thing for each family circle. It is essentially the children's day. They take it to their hearts and feel that they have an especial personal part in it. It is for them an annual possession never to be forfeited, and even when they pass beyond the period when they are no longer children, how fondly they cling to its myths and traditions! And when in later years children come to bless and brighten and glorify their homes, how eagerly they tell them the wondrous story of Santa Claus, the friend of all good children, the most delightful myth ever created, who will live and be loved as long as the prattle of childhood is heard in the homes of men.

Those whose homes are bright with Christmas cheer should remember that there are many homes in which the advent of this festival brings no cheer, but is an intensification of misery, the adding of another weight to crushed and overburdened hearts. There is no more practical fulfillment of the teachings of Him whose nativity will be celebrated, to-morrow, than the alleviation of human suffering: no gift is more acceptable to the Saviour than that out of the abundance with which we are blessed we shall give even a little to make the day of His festival a day of festivity to His poor also.

We wish our friends—and our enemies if we have any, a very Merry Christmas, and one and all can make our wish a glad reality, if they will but be just and generous: kind to children, family, friends; and make themselves the alms-givers of Christmas cheer to those for whom there will otherwise be no Christmas.

The most utterly inadvisable of all the tariff changes that have been proposed is the scheme to again impose a duty on lumber. It needlessly burdens every one who builds even a little home, and puts a premium on the destruction of our forests. Lumbering is not an infant industry by any means, and the tax when in force served no other purpose than to add enormously to the fortunes of the lumbermen.

The State of New York now has about \$5,000,000 in its treasury as against only \$1,500,000 a year ago. This large balance is largely due to the liquor taxes collected under the Rumor law, which yielded a revenue of \$3,500,000. The corporation taxes yielded the unusually large sum of \$2,100,000, and the collateral inheritance tax \$1,300,000, so that the total revenue from these three taxes was \$7,400,000, and the taxpayers were relieved of taxation to that amount. The State is more than easy in its finances, for it has practically no debt except that authorized by the voters for the improvement and maintenance of the canals but as always happens when State or municipality has plenty of money on hand or can easily obtain it there is a tendency to lavish expenditure, and the expenses last year were \$30,000,000 a great many million dollars more than was spent when the State was under Democratic rule.

CHRISTMAS AT GRACE CHURCH.

Services at 7:30 and 11 a. m.—Special Musical Programmes.

There will be two services at Grace Church on Christmas Day. At 7:30 a. m. a full choral celebration of holy communion, and at 11 o'clock morning prayer and sermon with a second celebration. The musical programmes will be unusually attractive. The works to be given include Gounod's Te Deum in G, Dudley Buck's Jubilate in G, Tourni's Communion Service in E, and Henry Smart's "Watchman, tell us of the night," the last arranged by Harvey Wickham, and to be sung by a trio consisting of Mrs. Harvey Wickham, Miss Carrie Howland and Miss Emma Wolf. A quartet composed of Miss Carrie Howland, Mrs. Harvey Wickham, H. L. Adams and Z. K. Greene will assist the regular choir, and appear in solo and quartette numbers.

A Short Cut to Health.

To try to cure constipation by taking pills is like going round in a circle. You will never reach the point sought, but only get back to the starting point. A perfect natural laxative is Baron's Cherry King. It is of blessed remedy for all nerve, blood, stomach, liver and kidney diseases. It regulates the bowels. J. F. Chambers, 57 North Street, will give you a sample of the King. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

STREET RAILROAD EMPLOYEES STRIKE.

Employees of the West End Railway, Boston, Break Away from Their Leaders and Quit Work.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The West End Railway employees have revolted against the decision of the leaders to grant the directors a week to consider the demands of the men and are quitting work. The Herald says the general strike ordered on the road embraces nine divisions, on which 4,750 men are employed and 2,146 cars are run. The reserves are at police stations.

A GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED.

The President of the Supreme Council of the Conductors, Drivers and Motor-men's unions has ordered a general strike until the West End officials sign the proposed agreement.

The Railway Company has advertised for non-union men.

FIVE ABOVE ZERO IN NEW YORK

The Coldest Dec. 24th in the History of the Local Weather Bureau.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—This is the coldest Dec. 24th in the history of the local weather bureau. The temperature early this morning was five above zero here, but it moderated later. The northern parts of the State report very cold weather. Arriving vessels are coated with ice.

THE NEW YORK'S ROUGH PASSAGE

BY UNITED PRESS.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 24.—The American line-ship St. Louis from New York reports three days of gales, snows and high seas. Her deck was frequently swept by waves but no damage was done.

MAY TUNNEL THE EAST RIVER.

BY UNITED PRESS.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—The State Railroad Commission has granted permission to the New York and Brooklyn Railway Company to construct a tunnel and railroad between New York and Brooklyn.

ANOTHER CHICAGO BANK FAILURE

BY UNITED PRESS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Calumet bank, at Blue Island, a suburb of Chicago, has assigned, owing to a run. Its assets are given at \$850,000, and the liabilities at \$680,000.

SUFFERING FROM HEART DISEASE

BY UNITED PRESS.

NEWBURGH, Dec. 24.—Edward Corwin, chief clerk in Sing Sing prison, is seriously ill here with heart disease. There are grave doubts of his recovery.

VERY COLD WEATHER.

Temperatures of Zero and Below Reported in This Section.

The mercury got below zero in many places in this vicinity last night. In this city temperatures of from zero to 10° above, according to thermometers and locations, are reported. At Franklin Square, probably a fair test for this city, the mercury stood at 6° above zero at 7 o'clock.

At Thompson Ridge it was 6° below zero and at Montgomery, which is some reason is always a little colder than any other place in this section, it was 8° below.

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Cars on the Goshen Line All in a Tangle Last Night.

The cars on the Goshen line got into a bad snarl, last evening, on account of the snow. At 7:45 last night, four cars and the snow plow were all on the hill at one time and the only other car on that line passed through North Street for the hospital as the first car down passed through James Street. If there were passengers waiting for a car in Goshen it must have been a weary wait.

Brought Here for Burial.

The body of Miss Lizzie White, who died in New York city Tuesday, arrived in this city on Erie train 21, to-day, and was taken to St. Joseph's Church, where the funeral was held at 11:30 o'clock, a high mass of requiem being celebrated.

The following were the pall bearers: Thomas Kennedy, James Brennan, Philip Brennan, John Quinlan, William Quinlan, Charles Moore.

The interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Middletown Savings Bank Dividend.

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Cut Off His Finger.

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OBITUARY.

Laura E. Graham.

Mrs. Laura E. Graham died, Wednesday, Dec. 23d, at New Vernon. She was the widow of the late Theodore Graham, who died in 1887.

Mrs. Graham was born in 1820, and was therefore seventy-six years of age. She was the mother of three children, two of whom are dead. George, who survives, has been in Australia since 1889.

Mrs. Graham was a member of the Old School Baptist Church. Two sisters have died within two years. Mrs. Florence Bannister and Mrs. E. Wilkins.

The funeral will be held at the home, Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

NEW KIND OF BEAST.

The Zebra Male Said to Have Many Useful Qualities.

A new beast of burden has been produced by Prof. Cossar Stewart, of Edinburgh. It is a result of a cross between a Burchell zebra and an ordinary mare. Its proper designation is the zebra mule. It is a very pretty little creature, with almost the same outlines as a colt and with the charmingly variegated coat of a zebra.

The species of zebra named after Burchell is the one which most nearly resembles the horse in shape. The other zebras are nearer to the donkey. The Burchell zebra is, in fact, more like a horse than any other animal.

The greater powers of endurance of the mule bred from an ass and a mare, as compared with the horse, are well established. It is said that in doing the hardest kind of work a mule will last ten years and a horse three. For the new zebra mule a great increase over the old-fashioned mule, both in strength and in endurance, is claimed.

The zebra, though smaller than an ordinary horse, is stronger in proportion to his size. He is extremely tough and, owing to his thick coat, is able to sustain falls and blows that would cripple or kill a horse.

It was long suspected that the zebra was absolutely untamable, but recent experience has shown that this is a mistake. He remains, however, harder to domesticate than any other animal apparently intended by nature for a beast of burden. He is full of spirit and go, which are admirable qualities, when trained in the proper direction, but are apt to lead the zebra to jump over walls and turn somersaults.

In South Africa six zebras have been harnessed to a mail coach and have given satisfactory results. They were used in a place where there were no roads. They had to drive over piles of stones and fallen trees and swim through a river. All this they did excellently, a few tumbles giving them no concern.—N. Y. Journal.

A Sad and Painful Engagement.

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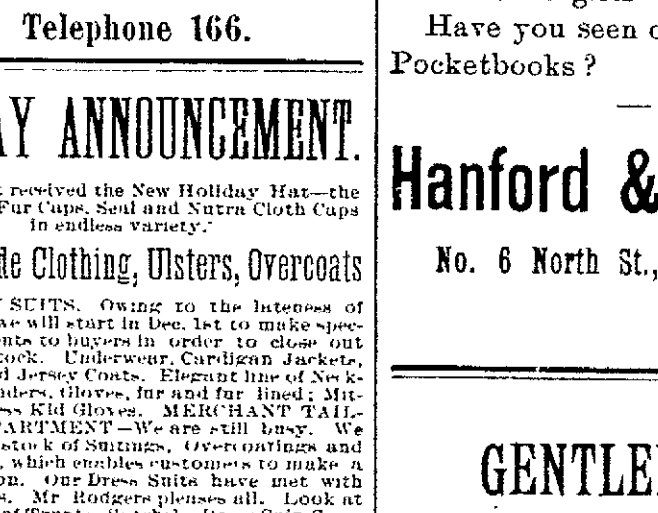
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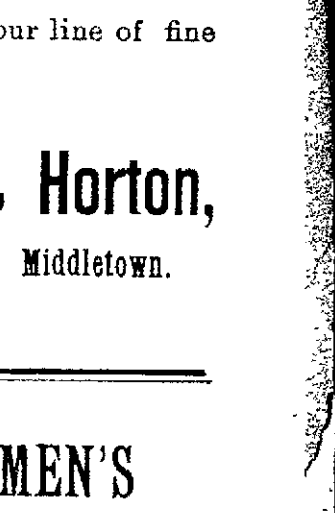
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY FRUIT PRESS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Generally fair, to-night; partly cloudy Friday; slowly rising temperature Friday; northerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 6°; 12 m., 10°; 3 p. m., 25°.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.
Dec. 24.—Ball of Campina Lodge, at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 25.—Peck's Bad Boy, at Casino.
—Jan. 1.—Masquerade ball, at Casino.
—Jan. 1, 15.—Bachelor Club boys.
—Jan. 14.—Printer's ball (masquerade), at Assembly Rooms.
—Feb. 1.—McGowan Engine Co's fair, at Assembly Rooms.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
—Raffle for turkeys at Eagle's building.
—Christmas presents at Geo. B. Adams.
—Turkey raffle at 11 Canal street.
—Picnic shoot at Phillipsburgh, Christmas.
—"Continued performance" Matthews & Co.
—A very nice calendar sent by N. W. Ayer & Son.
—See card of Merrill & Burke.
—See Sunlight Soap's latest scheme.
—Interest paid at Savings Bank Jan. 15th.
—Turkey's life at City Delicatessen.
—New goods, Saturday at Weller & Demerest's.
—Hotel holiday presents at the Hub.
—Pocketbook found.

No Paper To-morrow.
To-morrow being Christmas no paper will be issued from this office.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.
—"Black Crook" at the Casino, Christmas night.
—The barber shops will close at noon, to-morrow.
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—All the shoe stores will be closed all day, to-morrow.

—To-morrow being a holiday, the Mercury was printed to-day.

—Upqua Tribe, I. O. R. M., will dance at the Assembly Rooms, to-might.

—Bachelors' Christmas hop at the Assembly Rooms, to-morrow evening.

—"Peck's Bad Boy" will be the attraction at the Casino, next Monday.

—Dow's billiard and pool room at Midway Park will be opened, to-morrow, for the winter season.

—A. M. Smith, a farmer living near Huguenot, cut his foot very badly while chopping in the woods, Tuesday afternoon.

—Newburgh's militia companies have accepted an invitation to attend the celebration of the centennial of the capitol at Albany, Jan. 6th.

—At the regular meeting of Paugh caughbaugh Tribe of Red Men, last night, nominations for officers to be voted for next Wednesday evening were made.

—There will undoubtedly be a large house to witness the production of "Black Crook," at the Casino, Christmas night. There is to be no advance in prices.

—George Anderson, colored, while hunting rabbits in the town of Newburgh, Tuesday, struck his gun against a stone wall and it was discharged killing him instantly.

—An Erie freight car in the Susquehanna yard was broken open, Tuesday afternoon, and a quantity of merchandise stolen. Two tramps have been arrested on suspicion.

—It is now said by the doctors that H. S. Montross, the Centerville, N. J., hotel keeper, who attempted suicide, Sunday, and has been going about since with a bullet in his brain, will recover.

PERSONAL.
—Miss Mame Van Duzer has gone to Waverly for the holidays.

—Mrs. Chas. Sloat is seriously sick at her home, 119 North street.

—Mrs. O. C. Crawford and son, Ivan, of Oberlin, Ohio, are in town for the holidays.

—W. W. Woodhead, of the Middletown B. & C. Co., will spend the holidays at Potosi, N. Y.

—Miss Lizzie Gerhardt, of New York, arrived in town, to-day, to spend Christmas with her parents.

—Dr. John Burt, of Saratoga, formerly with Dr. McBrat in this city, is in town to spend the holidays with friends.

—Dr. D. H. Arthur and family went to Brooklyn, to-day, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Arthur's father, Hon. Geo. M. Beebe.

—John H. and Ernest Burch went to New York, to-day, to spend Christmas with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Burch.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Wells, of Westfield, N. J., arrived in town, last evening, and will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

—Misses Agnes Harris and Irene Gardner, who are attending the Oswego Normal School, are expected home, to-night, for the holiday vacation.

—R. Brewster Beattie, who is a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, arrived home, last night, to spend the holiday vacation with his parents.

—Melvin H. Ketcham, of the New York Journal, is in town to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ketcham, on Academy avenue.

—J. Harry Kroeger, formerly of this city, who has been running a barbershop in Susquehanna, has rented the shop in the Anthracite Hotel in Carbondale, and will open it Monday.

—Charles T. Payne and sister, Miss Nettie, under whose management the Mikado was so successfully given, left

yesterday afternoon, for New York, where they will spend the holidays. Mr. and Miss Payne made many friends during their stay in this city, and their departure was generally regretted.

A FARM HOUSE BURNED.

The Residence of Ed. Forshee, Near Westtown, Destroyed by Fire Last Night.

The residence of Edward Forshee, on the Wellington McBridge farm, near Westtown, together with its contents, was destroyed by fire, last night. The fire was discovered shortly after midnight and had made such progress that the occupants of the house had to flee for their lives. In his haste and excitement Mr. Forshee left his pocketbook containing \$125 under his pillow and it was destroyed.

The origin of the fire is not known. When discovered the outside of the building was in flames, which were burning fiercely. It is thought that the fire started in the kitchen, a one story structure, attached to the main building.

There is an insurance of \$1,200 on the house and of \$200 on the furniture with Case & Taylor.

FUNERAL OF MRS. REYNOLDS.

The Remains Taken to Ellenville on a Special Train.

The funeral of Mrs. S. H. Reynolds took place at her late residence on Linden avenue at 9:25 o'clock, this morning. Rev. Dr. Gordon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

There were many beautiful floral offerings, tributes of love and respect from relatives and friends. Among them were a pillow with the words "At Rest," from her brother, General Manager J. E. Childs, of the O. and W., a wreath and lyre from the O. and W. office and numerous flat bouquets from various friends.

After the funeral the body was placed on board a special train and taken to Ellenville, where the interment took place, this afternoon.

WHAT THE GOSSIPS ARE SAYING

Discussing the Alleged Infidelities of a Young Married Couple.

The gossips are just now discussing the domestic affairs of a young married couple of this city. The story is that the husband has deserted his wife for another woman and his mother has taken the deserted wife to her home in a neighboring village. We hope for the sake of the young couple that the gossips are wrong and the missing husband will turn up in due season with a satisfactory explanation of his absence, and that happiness will again reign in the household.

No Reason Why Ladies Should Not Attend.

The manager of the "Black Crook," desires to say that the production of "Black Crook" to be given at the Casino, to-morrow night, is of the spectacular order and there is no reason why ladies may not attend. When the production was here two years ago, it was witnessed by many ladies and gentlemen of this city, and there was no cause for offense.

Funeral of N. R. Denton.

The funeral of Nathaniel R. Denton took place at his late residence on Lincoln street at 9:30 o'clock, this morning. Rev. Dr. Wilson officiating.

The pall bearers were Allen Ridgeway, N. C. Ridgeway, J. M. Osterhout and W. H. Hyde.

The remains were taken to Florida for interment in the family plot.

Storm Too Much for Aldermen.

A special meeting of the Common Council was called for last evening, to hear objections if any to the assessments on account of the Sprague avenue sewer, but only three of the Aldermen, Messrs. Hirst, Mance, and Reed braved the storm and after waiting half an hour for a quorum, adjourned until Tuesday evening next.

Pigeon Shooting Match at Phillipsburgh.

The pigeon shooting match at the Wallkill River House will commence promptly at 10 o'clock, to-morrow. All the old-time sportsmen are expected to be present. Mr. Bauer has about 200 birds ready for the match, and says he can get more if needed.

The Trolley Express Line.

The National Express Co.'s business between this city and Goshen via the electric road is gradually picking up. This morning the express car carried 1,700 pounds of matter from this city to Goshen.

Delayed by a Broken Engine.

The engine of Erie train 1, broke down at some point east of here, to-day, delaying the train forty-five minutes. A freight engine helped to draw the train to Port Jervis.

Trout for Sullivan County Streams.

Fifteen cans of brook trout were received at Liberty, Monday night, and deposited in the streams of that town and Neversink.

Post Office Hours To-morrow.

The post office will close at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, and will be open for one hour in the evening—from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Entertainment at Mechanicstown.

A first-class entertainment at the Cottage Hotel, Mechanicstown, this week. Matinee Christmas afternoon. Dancing every Thursday night.

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HYMENEAL.

Banks—Davey.

Dr. Charles W. Banks, of Port Jervis, and Miss E. A. Winifred Davey, oldest daughter of W. J. Davey, were married, yesterday afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents in Whitby, Ont.

Williams—Sweeney.

Miss Mame Sweeney, of this city, and William Williams, of Port Jervis, were united in marriage by Rev. Father McLane at the rectory of St. Joseph's Church, at 5 o'clock, last evening.

A reception was given at the home of the bride after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams will reside in Port Jervis.

Cox—McGowan.

A very happy event occurred, at 7:30 o'clock last evening, at the residence of Miss Sarah A. Woodruff, No. 195 North street, when her niece, Miss Sophia Agnes McGowan, was united in marriage to Charles Miller Cox, a well known young farmer of near Fair Oaks.

Rev. J. W. Norris, pastor of the North Street Congregational Church, was the officiating clergyman. Miss Nettie Williams, of New York, was the bridesmaid, and Lewis F. McGowan, of this city, a brother of the bride, was the best man. The maids of honor were Misses Ethel Bowers and Edna St. John, nieces of the bride.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of invited guests. The bride was given away by her father, John Nelson McGowan. A reception followed the ceremony, refreshments being served by Warner Brothers.

The happy couple left this morning for Newburgh and other points on the Hudson for a ten days' trip. Upon their return they will reside at the groom's home near Fair Oaks.

Andrews—Evans.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Evans at Howells was the scene of a very pretty wedding, yesterday, when their daughter, Helen M., became the wife of Frederick L. Andrews, also of Howells.

At the appointed hour, 1 p. m., while the enchanting strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march were being rendered in a very pleasing manner by Mrs. George Hall the bridal party entered the room where the few invited guests were waiting. The bride and groom were preceded by Miss Grace Otis, of Howells, who very gracefully performed the duties of maid of honor, and A. B. Hutchison, of Middletown, who acted as best man. The bride was becomingly attired in a traveling suit of pearl gray.

The contracting parties are both estimable young people and their many friends join in wishing them a long and prosperous life.

The Universalist Sunday School's Christmas.

Universalist Sunday School Christmas festivities at the Assembly Rooms, Saturday afternoon, from 3 o'clock to 6. Santa Claus, Christmas tree, music and games for the children; also Christmas boxes, ice cream, cake and fruit, are among the good things in store for the occasion. All the children and all their relatives and friends are invited.

Population of the State Hospital.

According to the Conglomerate there were, Tuesday, 1,185 patients in the State Hospital for the Insane, in this city, of whom 548 were males and 597 were females. During the week seven patients were admitted and three discharged.

The Friendship Club's Dance.

The Friendship Club, made up of a number of young colored men of this city, gave a dance at the Assembly Rooms, last evening. The attendance was large and all present had a good time.

Hudson River Whist League Trophy.

West Point won the Hudson River Whist League trophy from the Amrita Club, of Poughkeepsie, last week, by a score of two points on forty-eight boards.

A Handsome Calendar.

The handsomest calendar we have seen this year was shown us to-day by N. Schollenberg, who received it from his brother, B. Schollenberg, who with his son is in the clothing business at 107 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn.

Shut Down for the Holidays.

The Wallkill Hat Work shut down, last evening, for the holidays. They will start up again probably on January 4th.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

Post Office Hours, To-morrow—A Pleasant Masquerade Party—The Pusher Engine Derailed—An Improvement at the Jail—Christmas Services at St. John's—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The post office will close at noon, to-morrow, and reopen from 6 to 7 p. m.

—Miss Minerva Markley will spend Christmas at her home in Philadelphia.

—Miss Virginia Stewart entertained about thirty friends at a masquerade dance given at her home, last evening. The music for the occasion was furnished by Wilson's orchestra. Dancing continued until midnight.

—The pusher engine was derailed in the Goshen yard, last night, and blocked the west bound track for about an hour.

—The Santa Claus festival of St. John's Church will be held next Tuesday night.

—The Building Committee of the Board of Supervisors has made a contract to place the Van Dorn interlocking system in the Goshen jail.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Mosher have gone to Montclair, N. J., for the winter.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vail, of Brooklyn, are spending the holidays at Goshen.

—Christmas services will be held at St. John's as follows: High mass and sermon 4:30 a. m.; low mass, children's chorus, 7:30 a. m.; high mass and sermon 10 a. m.; vespers and benediction 7:30 p. m. The Santa Claus festival for the Sunday School children will take place in St. John's Hall on next Tuesday.

"DR. VENO" JUMPED HIS BAIL.

The Fake Physician Who Victimized Many Middletowners in Trouble in Connecticut.

"Dr. Veno," who recently lectured in this city, and who sold, at enormous prices, alleged remedies to persons suffering from rheumatism and other diseases, which he guaranteed would cure in a certain time, and who skipped the town just as his guarantees began to expire and his angry patients became clamorous for the return of their money, got in trouble at Ansonia, Conn. He worked the same racket there that he did here, but when he skipped, Tuesday, his victims did not let the matter drop, but procured a warrant for his arrest on the ground of fraud. The police located Veno in New London and arrested him there. He was taken back to Ansonia and held in \$150 bail. He put up cash for his appearance and then, learning that other complaints were to be made against him, disappeared and is supposed to have left the State.

Clean Your Sidewalks.

Notices are being served on those who have failed to clean their sidewalks. Persons who sweep the light snow from their walks early yesterday morning and again once or twice during the day had an easy job, besides the satisfaction of having clean walks to-day.

The Ice Crop All Right.

There need no longer be any anxiety about the ice crop. The ice on the ponds in the vicinity of this city was from six to eight inches thick, this morning, and it certainly has not grown any thinner since. The gathering of the ice harvest will begin next week.

Services at St. Joseph's Church To-morrow.

Three masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church on Christmas Day. There will be a high mass at 5:30 a. m., low mass at 9 a. m., and high mass again at 11 o'clock.

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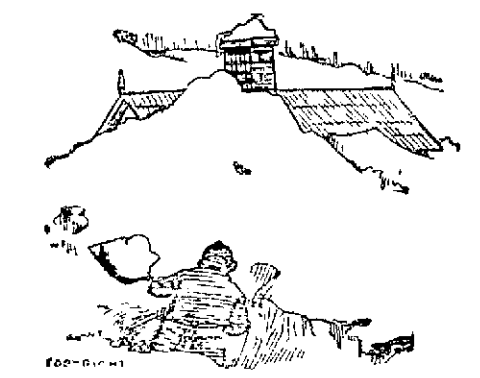
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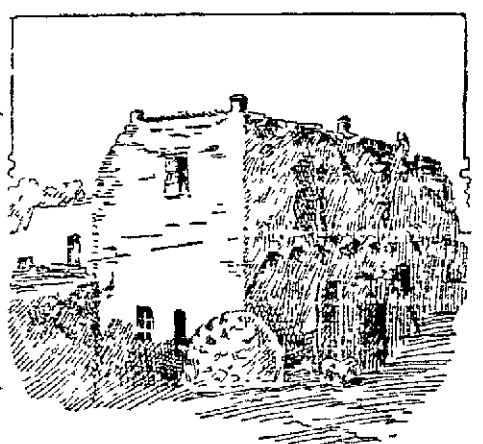
It Was an Aztec Capital, and Spaniards Rebuilt the City in 1598 Under Its Present Name—Palace 300 Years Old.

How many of those who yearly travel to that Mecca of wealthy Americans, California, realize the beauty, romance and antiquarian interest lingering round the ancient city of Santa Fe? This relic of early civilization in this country was founded by the Spaniards in 1598, under the name of Santa Fe, on the site of Tiguex or Tigui, one of the celebrated "Seven Cities" at the founding of the Aztec confederacy, in 1430. Its streets, museums and private collections of curios, says the New York Herald, absolutely teem with relics and records of a stirring history, and include famous picture of saint or shrine, painted on elk and puma skins, some showing saber thrusts where they had been used as banners during the march of Coronado in 1541, others with arrow holes from attacks by Indians on the line of march up the valley of the Rio Grande.

There are quaint maps in Latin and French, showing about three cities of note on the continent and giving California as an island of the Pacific, curious for their execution and grotesque inaccuracy.

The palace has become the home of the choicest collection of Mexican and Spanish pictures in the southwest, and in its historical rooms are priceless treasures of record and relic. Round it, too, lingers much of the romance of the city. For 300 years it has been the home of its rulers, 76 Mexican and Spanish and 17 American governors having held sway within its walls. In its early days it lay under the shadow of the power of the dread inquisition, and within its walls, in later times, "Ten Tur" first saw the light under the pen of Gen. Lew Wallace.

From its windows could be heard the ring of steel and the din of warriors in the plaza when Onate set up his camp



OLDEST HOUSE IN THE UNITED STATES.

In 1602, and when the Pueblo Indians conquered the city in 1680, burning the archives and sacred vessels, while 12 years later, in 1692, the same place witnessed the triumphal entry of Diego de Vargas, after his vow and the victory which followed it, which again placed the city under Spanish rule. Here Gen. Kearney elevated the stars and stripes in 1846, and here, also, surrounded by loving memories and fond regrets, amid beautiful foliage, is a monument to the soldiers who fell at duty's call at Valverde and Apache canyon.

In Santa Fe are the military headquarters for New Mexico, it being also the oldest military establishment in America, created by the Spaniards in 1602, and in almost continuous occupation ever since. Here, too, is the oldest house in the United States, in which Coronado is said to have lodged in 1540 and, perhaps, even more interesting here is the oldest church, San Miguel built about 1543, partially destroyed in 1680, wholly restored in 1710, the restorers leaving intact all that was possible of the old roof, hewn by Indians under the guidance of the fathers.

In this church is the great bell, at most solid, cast in 1570, and having an inscription in Spanish round it as a relic. The bell is a fine specimen of the art of the foundry. The bell is a fine specimen of the art of the foundry. The bell is a fine specimen of the art of the foundry.

But the city is also a city of the present, and a very pleasant present it is. An equable climate and delightful sun have over the centuries in which the houses have enough of the sanctity of age to diffuse a real spirit in the air.

The houses are often from one to two centuries old, usually of one story with thick adobe (sun dried brick) walls, deep embrasures to the plain doors and windows abutting on the sidewalk, under a piazza, and giving out the slightest hint of the wealth of cozy comfort and elegance to be found inside. The rooms are usually large and numerous arranged around a plaza, or Moorish court, generally from 50 to 75 feet square. This court is laid out as a garden and entered from the street by a wooden gate, let into the wall of the house in line with the doors and windows. This gate at once shut out intruders and the gaze of the outside world, while house and garden together form an ideal home.

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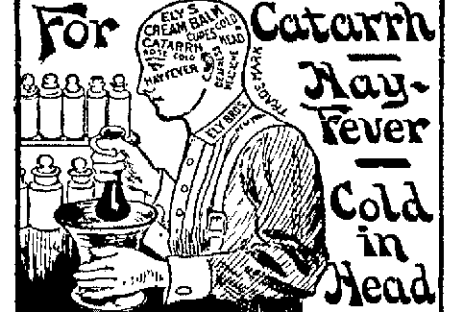
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STRANGEST TOWN ON EARTH.

Everything is Turned Topsy-Turvy in an English Salt-Mining District.

Assuredly the most curious town in England, and the most upside-down-looking place, is Northwich. As the stranger walks up one of the streets he wonders whether he is the victim of a disordered imagination or whether an earthquake has been visiting the locality. Here two houses are leaning one against the other, as if for mutual support; there more are leaning from each other, as if in sullen anger; higher up are dwellings sunken in the center or at the ends; the pavement on one side in certain places is higher than the other, while a little farther on it is lower.

In short everything has a general appearance of topsy-turvydom in this town of what are described as "drunken houses." The cause of it all is not far to seek. Northwich, as everyone knows or ought to know, is the center of the salt industry, and it is the drawing of brine and rock salt for the manufacture of this very necessary commodity that is the moving factor in the mischief. On nearly all sides of the town are big salt works, with their engines pumping hundreds of thousands of gallons of brine every week, while the extensive mines of rock salt are being cut into in all directions.

At a depth of some 200 or 300 feet are immense submarine lakes of brine, and as the contents of these are pumped and pumped away the upper crust of earth is correspondingly weakened, and the result in an occasional subsidence. In some of the mines where the salt is blasted and cut away one can travel a mile in certain directions. As the glistening white or deep red rock is cut away great pillars of it, some eight feet square, with a large thickness all along the roof, are left to support the earth above. Sometimes, however, the mine is flooded, the pillars dissolve in the water and the earth falls in, with all on top of it. Luckily, this kind of subsidence generally happens in spots where houses are not numerous, and for this reason no lives have been lost within recent years. One morning a few years ago a horse left in a stable over night was found to be missing, and a hole filled with water occupying the place where the animal should have been. Near Wincham and Marston, suburbs of Northwich, lakes acres in extent are now seen where green fields used to be, and there is a spot where the highway takes the form of a railway embankment. On either side are big ponds where the earth had subsided, and the road goes through like a bridge. This itself is bound to go at some future time, and it is to be hoped that no one will beat that time in the immediate neighborhood.

All these subsidences have a "pulling" effect on the nearest buildings, which are drawn "all ways." Such a state of things is amusing as well as interesting. "This desirable property to let" is the sign one may seek cheek by jowl with one at the beginning of a stile road bearing the legend: "This road is dangerous." One has to be aware of such roads at night time in this neighborhood. A part of the path may have sunk 100 feet or so during the preceding hour, and an involuntary drop into the water, which rises as fast as the earth falls, is a rapid way out of this world. In order to make all buildings last a fairly decent length of time all new erections are built in frames of wood, this style holding the bricks together a longer time than if the building was on the ordinary principles. Even under those conditions, and taking into consideration the fact that in the town itself the subsidences are gradual and give some warning, living must be rather exciting in certain portions of Northwich. —Philadelphia Telegraph.

A GREAT HEIRESS.

Daughter of Princess Beatrice to Inherit from Eugene and Victoria.

The very latest news in woman's realm, is that the only daughter of Princess Beatrice of England and of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg will some day be a great heiress. It has been stated on good authority that the ex-Empress Eugenie by her latest will, leaves the greater portion of her fortune to the charming little lady. She is a great favorite of the ex-empress, and is, by the way, a namesake of both Empress Eugenie and of her grandmother, Queen Victoria, being named Victoria Eugenie. Princess Beatrice has for years been the greatest possible favorite of the illustrious Eugenie; in fact, even before the late Prince Imperial and Princess Beatrice were sweethearts. Every woman is familiar with the sad, sweet story of older people deciding that the two were "too young" to get married. Prince Imperial went to Africa, and alas! met his death.

Princess Beatrice and her three young children have been invited to soon enjoy a yachting trip with ex-Empress Eugenie upon her yacht, the Thistle, and a most enjoyable time is anticipated.

It is not yet generally known that Queen Victoria has by her latest will left \$7,500,000 to her favorite daughter, Princess Beatrice; also, it is rumored that she bequeathed her Osborne and Balmoral.

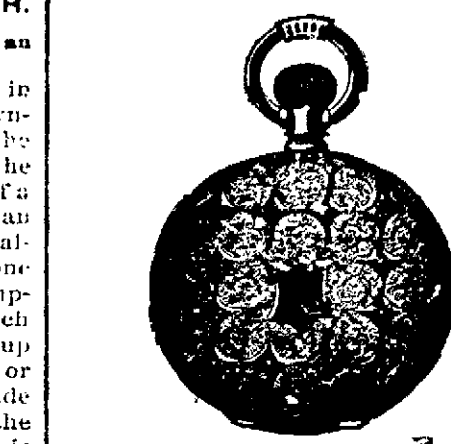
The fortunate little "Victoria Eugenie," of course, will come in for her share of this fortune, dividing, of course, with her two brothers, one of whom is younger and the other older than herself. —London Spectator.

The Chance of the Pugilist.

"John," called his wife, "are you putting the baby to sleep?"

The pugilist laughed bitterly in the darkness.

"I've got him against the ropes," he answered, for there was yet hope.—Detroit Tribune.



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Quite Justified.
The man with the long hair drew himself up and folded his arms after the manner of a tragedian.
"He is no gentleman," he said, referring to a man who had been under discussion. "He called me a liar."
"What was the provocation?" asked the man whose hair was not so long.
"There was none whatever. I had just told him that I was a musician, and he—"
"Ah, that explains it," interrupted the man whose hair was not so long. "He was quite justified. I've heard you play myself."—Chicago Post.

The Wedding Tour.
So lumpy and spoony the couple appeared. I could not but wonder how they would get on. Now, heaven's dome under, such ninies as these were had ever been reared; But neatly, completely my chiding was child.
For when I was married, I went where they tarried, And heard them both snicker at things that we did.
—T. S. Varnum, in Chicago Journal.

Instancing an Exception.
"At any rate, it pays to be polite and accommodating."
"Not always. In leaving a train the other morning I saw a lady of my acquaintance had left an umbrella in her seat. In my haste to pick it up and run after her to restore it I left my gold-headed cane behind, and I'm out \$6.75 on the transaction."—Chicago Tribune.

Her Almsday.
"I hardly think," said the lawyer, "that you can get a separation from your wife on account of her making a practice of throwing things at the dog."
"But," said the man with the haggard look and the black eye, "every time she throws at the dog she hits me!"—N. Y. Tribune.

A Material Change.
"Did you hear about the de-facement of Skinner's tombstone?"
"No; what was it?"
"Somebody added the word 'friends' to his epitaph."
"What was the epitaph?"
"He did his best."—Chicago Journal.

Could Think of No Other Reason.
"That umbrella you lent me yesterday," said the man who had just come into the office.
"Yes."
"Here it is. I came to return it."
"Dear me," was the absent-minded reply. "I had no idea it was in such bad condition as all that."—Odds and Ends.

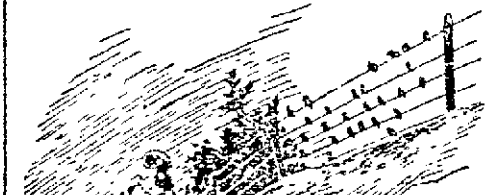
A Little Boy's Reason.
Algy—"I don't want you to wash my face."
Grandma—"Why, I've washed my face three times a day ever since I was a little girl."
Algy—"Yes, and just see how it's shrunk it!"—N. Y. Journal.

Friendly Consolation.
Young Wife—"Oh, I'm so unhappy. I am more and more convinced that my husband married me only for my money."
Friend—"Then you have at least the consolation that your husband isn't so stupid as he looks!"—Tit-Bits.

An Expensive Set.
"Mamma," said Benny Bloomer, as he rushed in from school, "our new teacher has such fine teeth!"
"Has she, dear?"
"Yes, indeed. They are nearly all gilt-edged."—N. Y. Truth.

Why She Went.
The opera's one of her joys. On every day shows she forms. For music to her is just the noise. But, ah! she's a critic of gowns.
—Pittsburgh News.

THEY WERE NOT SONG BIRDS.



Mr. Bullfiddle—Goodness gracious, dash is the most difficult piece of moonshine dash I have ever tackled.—N. Y. Journal.

Circumstances Alter Cases.
Pa gives John a "little dressing." Without asking, when he's late. But John has to ask for "dressing" when he passes up his plate.
—Detroit Free Press

How the Neighbors Knew.
"It must disgrace me before all the neighbors that you came home drunk."
"But, my dear, who saw me?"
"No one; but they all heard me scolding you."—Fliegende Blaetter.

Different.
Arthur—I would marry that girl but for one thing.
Chester—Afraid to pop the question?
Arthur—No. Afraid to question the pop.—Brooklyn Life.

Proof.
"You say he's not a humane man?"
"Oh, dear, no; far from it."
"Are you sure?"
"Positive. Why, he's president of a trolley company."—Chicago Post.

Should Use Discrimination.
Brown—Do you think a man ought to open his wife's letters?
Jones—Not if she asks for money in them.—Towa Topics.

Good Evidence.
Tom—I don't know whether she sings or not.
Jack—She doesn't. I heard her.—N. Y. Tribune.

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